

Amendments to the Specification

Please insert the following text on page 1 of the specification prior to the heading "Description":

Sequence Listing

The sequence listing in the file named "65084o000013v2.txt" having a size of 50,898 bytes that was created July 29, 2009 is hereby incorporated by reference in its entirety.

Please amend page 61, lines 6-16 as follows:

Plasmid pGSV71- α BEII-basta was constructed by screening a tuber-specific potato cDNA library with a DNA fragment amplified using RT-PCR (Primer: 5'-gggggtgttgcttgacta (SEQ ID NO: 9) and 5'-cccttcctcctctaatacca (SEQ ID NO: 10); Stratagene ProSTAR™ HF Single-Tube RT-PCR system) with total RNA from tubers as template, following standard methods. In this manner, an approximately 1250 bp DNA fragment (SEQ ID No. 8) was isolated and then subcloned into the EcoRV cleavage site of the cloning vector pSK-Pac (see hereinabove) in the form of an EcoRV-SmaI fragment and subsequently ligated into the expression vector ME5/6 in antisense orientation relative to the promoter in the form of a PacI fragment. This gave rise to the plasmid pGSV71- α BEII-basta (see FIG. 6).